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L. Dis. C. No. 605--21--E--1.

Submitted. Through the Secretary to Board, Land Revenue, &c

The note on page 370 of Logan's collection of treaties, engagements and other papers of importance relating to -- British affairs in Malabar shows that the allowance was permanently fixed at 20% of the net revenue for 1800-1, of the dispossessed lands and even this principle is not of universal applicability. Hence the settlement already arrived at --- cannot be reopened at this distant date.

South Kanara Collector's Office,
Camp, Mudabidri, dated 13th February 1921.

Collector.

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BOARD OF REVENUE
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Ref:- B 840/21-1
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Pensions - Political - (S. Kamara) -
- Uppumangadi Th - Ravivarma Narasimh
Raja - Memorial.

The Curator MRO is requested to be so good as to forward the papers referred to in the memorial and its enclosures and any other record relating to the case.

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To the Curator MRO with a file to be returned

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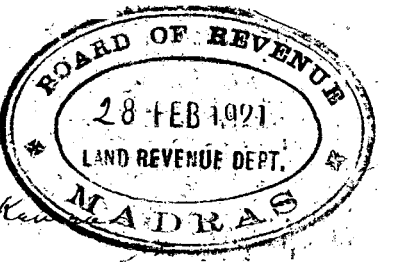
Vittal Palace
23rd Feb 1921

From

Sri Rao Varma Narasimha Raja
of Vittal S. Kan[illegible]



To

M. E. Conchman Esquire I.C.S.

Madras.

Dear Sir

In submitting herewith a copy of the Memorial to His Excellency the Governor of Madras through the Collector South Kanara I have the honour to request that the Board of Revenue will be so good as to forward the same to Government with their kind recommendation and support

I have the honour to be

Dear Sir

Your most obedient servant

K. Narasimha Raja

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To

His Excellency The Right Hon'ble
Baron Willingdon of Ratton, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., G. B. E.,
Governor of Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF RAVI VARMA NARASIMHA RAJAH, GRAND SON OF DODDAMMA ARASU OF VITTAL, UPPINANGADI TALUK, SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT.

Vittal, dated ~~29th December, 1920.~~ 10th January 1921.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH.

That your Excellency's humble Memorialist's ancestors were Chiefs of Vittal *Shime* (Province) in the South Kanara district for about eight centuries, with varied fortunes sometimes as independent chiefs and at other times as tributory to the Vijayanagaram and Bednore Dynasties. In the several Mysore wars with Hyder Ali and Tippu Sultan, Memorialist's ancestors had ranged themselves on the side of the British and given them their whole hearted support with the result that the British gained complete success and became Rulers of this ancient land.

That on the assumption of the Government of the district of South Kanara by the Hon'ble the East India Company, the few native Rajas whose ruling powers were surrendered to the British, were considered entitled to one-fifth of the Revenues of their respective Principalities. The following extract from "British affairs in Malabar" by W. Logan based on the original in the Records and a copy of which was submitted to Government with letter dated 18th December 1847 will bear out in full this statement:—

"On the assumption of the district by the British, the Rajahs and other chieftains of Malabar were considered entitled by specific agreements to one-fifth on the net revenue of their respective districts. These varying allowances were *permanently* fixed at 20 per cent of the net revenue of the year 1800—1".

Memorialist begs leave to point out that it was the proportion to the revenue that was herein fixed at 20 per cent and not the amount itself which for obvious reasons was left to be varied from time to time by mere arithmetical calculation.

That the allowance which had been originally fixed at Rs. 200 per mensem commencing from 1st May 1792, was, in pursuance of the principle set forth in the aforesaid extract, increased to Rs. 500 per mensem, in as much as Memorialist's principality consisted of 15 villages noted in the margin. 20 per cent of the then Revenue whereof amounted to Rs. 6019—1—0 Memorialist has been receiving the monthly allowance of Rs. 500 ever since without any variation.

Vittal Kula Mudnoor Padnoor Saletur Punacha Kepu Manila Peruvai Kanyan Karopadi Alike	Uppinangady Taluk.
Bayar Chippar Kudalmerkal	Kasaragod Taluk.

That the South Kanara district came to be settled in 1903 as a result of which the land Revenue increased more than twofold. Though Memorialist could have

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claimed a consequent increase in his allowance also, he refrained from doing so as he was able to keep up his position and maintain himself and his large family fairly well without putting himself to the necessity of asking for a share of the increased revenues as originally settled upon.

That the said allowance allowed to Your Excellency's Memorialist's family covered not only the Palace expenses, charity, feeding, repair of buildings and education of members but also expenses connected with certain temples the management whereof continued as of old to remain with the Memorialist's family. The expenses were always growing while the income was stationary—a state of affairs which has naturally led to its inevitable sequel of debt and suffering which have driven Memorialist to seek redress at Your Excellency's hands in the earnest hope that it will meet with a sympathetic response.

That since the time when the allowance was originally fixed the prices of articles the cost of labour and in fact of every thing connected with existence itself have increased four fold and it has therefore become impossible, at the present day, to carry on the *minimum* duties and obligations of Memorialist's Ancient House with the old time allowance of Rs. 500 per mensem.

That the increased prices and cost of living is a matter which has been recognised by Government who have graciously granted special allowances to all their subordinates and dependants to tide over the hardships of these abnormal times Memorialist's is probably the only class of persons whose claims for relief have not been hitherto considered by Government. Others of Memorialist's class may perhaps have been placed well above want by ancient hoardings or by private accumulation of wealth but Memorialist who has neither of these sources to prop him up in these hard days, has only to seek shelter under the wings of the Benign Government and pray for the barest justice being done to him in the light of the clear principles followed when the allowance was originally fixed.

That the fact that Your Excellency's Memorialist has always borne an exceptionably high character and that his present state of indebtedness is not due to any objectionable behaviour on his part or to any extravagance will, Memorialist ventures to submit, be borne out by successive Collectors of the district and by all officials and non officials who have had any opportunity of knowing him. Memorialist's present state is entirely due, as submitted already, to his silently suffering while prices and expenses increased without any increase whatsoever on the credit side.

That the ushering of the Reforms and the opening of the new Councils by His Most Gracious Majesty's Representative open brilliant prospects of a glorious future for the whole of India and your Excellency's humble Memorialist only prays that it may be made possible for him to share in the general rejoicings by being assured of a decent living at least in the future.

Your Excellency's humble Memorialist therefore prays that on a kind and gracious consideration of all the circumstances set forth above and after giving an opportunity to Memorialist to meet any possible doubts or objections; Your Excellency may be pleased to sanction payment of an increased allowance proportionate to the increased revenues and prices.

For which act of justice and equity Memorialist will ever remain grateful.

S. O. P. W.

Ravi Varma Narasimha Raja,
Vittal.

Whereas the Rajah Vittal Hegde having for many years past been attached to the interests of the Honourable Company and received a pension from them of one hundred rupees per month the same as received by Coomola Rajan, and having equally with the said Coombla Rajah exerted himself in the late war with Tippoo Sultan and whereas Major-General Abercromby having thought proper to increase the pension of Coombla Rajah to two hundred rupees per month in April last previous to his, the Generals proceeding to Bombay, at a time Rajah Vittal Hegde was absent on his own concerns which prevented his representing to General Abercromby his claim to an equal indulgence, but which he has since represented us, ~~as~~, the Chief and the Factors of Tellicerry, and we being convinced of Justness thereof and willing to give him every assistence in ~~one~~ our power, laid the same before the William Gamul Farmer, Esquire, Major Alexander Dow, the Commission for inspecting the countries ceded to the Honourable Compan who were pleased to permit of our putting the Rajah Vittal Hegde on the same footing as the Coombla Rajah. In consequence whereof we do hereby declare that the Rajah Vittal Hegde is to be paid two hundred (200) rupees monthly by the Honourable Company to commence from the first day of May in the year of our Lord 1792.

Sd. Robert Taylor

&c. Factors.

Signed and sealed
at Tellicherry.

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Office of the Board of Revenue,
(Land Revenue)

M a d r a s, 28th February 1921.

MRO Regr no 1140
5-3-21
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M.E.Couchman Esquire, I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Read endorsement of the Collector of South Kanara, L.Dis.C.No. 605-21-E-1, dated 13th February 1921.

Board's Reference thereon No.B.840-21-1.

Pension - Political (South Kanara) - Uppinangadi Taluk - Ravivarma Narasimha Raja - Memorial.

The Curator Madras Record Office is requested to be so good as to forward the papers referred to in the Memorial and its enclosures and any other records relating to the case.

For Secretary.

To the Curator, Madras Record Office with a file to be returned.
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P. Sti.—

The pension was originally [illegible]
4 Rs were omitted in 1856. The
difference is immaterial. A
note in the original G.O. 1035 Rev dy
15-7-84. Please see Note 6
(— list of pensions, [illegible]
published in the Book - Roorkee
of Civil & Pol. Pensions as they
stood on 1-5-1879. — printed

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Madras Record office

E. No 140-1 dy 10. 3. 21.

Furnished.

1. The papers relating to the grant of certificates in 1877 and 1903 may be in the 'Confdl' records of Govt or the Board.

2/. The Malabar manual Vol II is returned herewith.

M. Srinivasa Aiyangar
Superintendent

Rec'd
K.R.
10.3.21

To
The Asst Secretary
Bd of Rev (L.R.)
Chepauk

Subject: B 240/21.2 15.4.21

Ref: (illegible)

Pension - Political - (S. Kanara)

- Uppinangadi Sh. Ravivarma - Narasimha Raja of Vittal - Memorial - Submitted with remarks

B 240/21 — A (Endorsement)
B 1062/21 — Q

Submitted to Government.

2. The memorialist cannot claim a share in the increase of revenue, the amount of pension having been fixed in perpetuity on the Jamma of M.E. 1176 (A.D. 1800-01).

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To the Secretary to Govt. R.D. Q
Public (Political) Dept.
with a memorial & Collr's Letter
(Col 2-7 of in-appl
Col 15-17 of in appl).

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

BOARD OF REVENUE
20 MAY 1921
LAND REVENUE DEPT.
MADRAS

Sectt. 11-2-(a)—29,692—11-2-21.

B 840/21 Q
Reg B840.21-2 & 15.4.21 - A
B 2067 - A

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Abstract.

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Pension - Political (South Kanara) - Uppinangadi taluk - Ravi Varma Narasimha Rajah of Vittal - Memorial - (Orders passed) go cont

Communicated to the Collector of South Kanara. He is requested to inform the memorialist of the order of Govt.

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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

.O. No. 331 R. , dated 18th May 192 1.

To the Collector of S. Kanara.

Ans. 25.5.21

ENCLOSURE.

No. .....

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READ the following papers:—

From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, No.B.840-21-2, dated the 15th April 1921.

O R D E R.

The Government regret that they are unable to alter the settlement in perpetuity which was effected in 1800-1801.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

E.S.Lloyd,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue.

(By order)

K C Venkatarama
Ag. Senior Superintendent.

P.P.H.19-5-21.

Ans 19/5/21

C.F. 18—1-14.

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A list of records have been left back in office

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In regard to the first point, the Collector points out that as the allowance was originally fixed at 20% of the net revenue for 1800-1, of the dispossessed lands and hence the settlement also arrived at cannot be reopened at this distant date. With reference to the other points relating to the grant of the allowance, the allowances originally given to Rajah Vittal Hegde to the extent of Rs 100 in 1792, was raised to Rs 200 when the allowance given to Cumblah Raja was also raised to Rs 200 and both were being treated in the same manner. However, it was considered necessary to enhance the allowances in consequence of the removal of the establishment to Tellicherry and in 1803, it was suggested that the allowance be fixed at one fifth of the net revenue instead of one sixth of the gross revenue with the deduction only of 10% for charges. This principle was approved in Govt. Para 15 of Mr. Robert Richard's report to Govt. dt. 20.2.1804 & decided to make the position clear. It would also be advisable to fix the allowances permanently

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Bonds enclosed in the Board's Proceedings dt. 20.4.1857
BR No. 574-52

without being subject to the future ch
they are now calculated on the fam
of 1876 M.S. and that Rajahs themsel
are satisfied with the amount the Pr
Govt would be instructed to extend the
on this principle to all the Rajahs o
chief hitherto entitled to share th
and to make arrangements with the la
Rajahs for fixing the amounts in per
This is the most desirable as the fixed
maybe expected to increase under a
and efficient administration, whe
circle the Malikhana allowances
progressively may be unnecessary
allowances will of course be subject to
resumption in the event of fresh rebellion
treachery or rebellious conduct. This
was the principle followed in fixing th
allowances for all Malabar Rajahs
and there is nothing to show that th
Rajahs case was in any way treated
different [illegible] Mr
Board's letter to Govt at (A) in this con
are accordance with these principle
their allowances were fixed at Star Pagod
1776 = 3 3/4 = 4 4/4 or Rs 6069-4 (the correc
amount works out to Rs 6069-4-4) and
the Rajah was being given Rs 500 pe
annum. Vittal Hegda died 1-5-18
and the pension was continued to
Ravi Varma Narasimha Son of dec
Hegda's sister of his heirs it was al
ordered that it should be treated as
hereditary. The petitioner succee

This was accepted by Govt. M. 11. (S)
A form of agreement at M21 (S)
number illegible

Board's Cons
(A) B Nos 29
S. 6483.

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Orders Cons at (A) + (C)

in Dec 1897

to the petition as the grandson of the sister of the previous petitioner. (X) fo 52 Rec 28-1-98

rather on he was also murdered now of an exceptionally high rank and exempted from personal appearance at the Durbar to receive his pension (T) fo 468 23-8-98

so far as the first ground goes, the petr does not seem to have any case & it would appear that the matter closed long ago cannot be re-opened now.

As regards the remaining grounds viz 2 to 5, the Govt of the Raja's case makes a strong appeal ad misericordiam p 16 of

of the objection to reopening a permanent settlement can be waived.

3. The memorials may be submitted with such remarks as the Board may wish to offer.

In the statement in the Memorial p 2 of

that the revenue has increased

[illegible] that the revenue should not exceed

Static at Rs 000 for a century.

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Re-submitted. There is no information here about the revenue of the fifteen

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2 the following telephonic message to the Govt. Rev. Secretariat is also for approval.

Please return the old records (Boards Correspondence) forwarded to you on 26.4.1921 for the disposal of Boards ref^e no B 840/21-2 p 14 of G. 15.4.1921 regarding the Political pension of Ravivarma Narasimha Raja. S. Kanara. The Boards ref^e was disposed of in Govt no 331 R p 15 of Rev dy 18.5.21

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OFFICE OF THE B.L.R.

Dated 27- 1921

Hours Minutes.

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From The Superintendent Rev. Sect

To The First Assistant B.L.R

Refe T.M from Secy B.L.R. asking return of old records forwarded to Govt. & Board's Refce. No. 3840/21-2 G 15.4.21 re the political pension of Vasi Varma Narasimha raja, South Kanara. The old records were sent to G.R.O on 19.5.21. Please obtain from G.R.O if they are required

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OFFICE OF THE _____

Dated April 25. 1921.

_____ Hours _____ Minutes.

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From Supt Revenue

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To

This understood from A.R.O that the following papers have been furnished to us on 16.3.21

B40.21.1.

B.P. No. 707 of 20.4.57
458 of 11.6.57
29 of 5.8.33

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The above papers are required urgently for disposal of Court. No. 676

Reply

To The Inspector Kew Telephone

Your telephone messa
of 25.4.21. about Embankments back
Nos 591-592 of 20.4.1857) ID

the disposal of 3675/21

are [illegible] of 787 of 2045
so evidently is meant for 487 (Bank No 591/2

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Please send the three K.S.
to Inspr Kew [illegible]
a book copy of the messa

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